GM/AM in accordance with advertisements given in leading newspapers.

Setting up of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices

1904. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some norms have been laid down for setting up Post Offices and Telegraph Offices;

(b) if so, what are details thereof separately;

(c) whether under the existing criteria Government propose to set up some more Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Uttar Pradesh during 1992;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof with names of places selected for the purpose; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Post Offices*

The norms for opening post offices both extra departmental as well as departmental sub post offices are given at Statement-I *(See below) Telegraph Offices*

The norms for setting up of Telegraph Offices are as follows :

(i) Initially, telegraph facility is introduced through Post Office called combined Post and Telegraph Office. With a view to provide greater accessibility to reliable telegraph services, this facility is also being extended on franchise basis, through Long distance Public Telephone Operators, (ii) Independent Telegraph Offices are set up at all District Headquarters and at places having 500 or more telegraph operations per day. In case a place has more than one Telegraph Office, the most important one from workload point of view is upgraded into a Central Telegraph Office.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) *Post Offices:* Of the 66 Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices sanctioned for the year 1991-92, 48 of these are likely to be opened during the calendar year 1992 before 31/3/92. The details in this regard are given in Statement-II *(See below).* More post offices will be opened in Uttar Pradesh during the financial year 1992-93.

Telegraph Offices: Yes Sir, it is proposed to provide telegraph facility at 50 (fifty) places in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the calender year 1992. The name of places is normally decided on the basis of demand are feasibility.

(c) In view of reply to parts (c) and (d), question does not arise.

Statement-I

Norms prescribed for opening of Extra-Departmental Branch Post Office/ Departmental Sub-Post Offices.

(A) The following norms for opening branch post offices effective from 1.4.1991 have been adopted.

(i) *Population:*

(a) *In normal areas:*
3000 population in a group of Villages (including the PPO villages).

(b) *In the Hilly, Tribal Desert and Inaccessible areas:*
500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

(ii) *Distance:*

(a) *In normal areas:*
The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas : The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hiily areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal. (iii) *Anticipated Income:*

(a) *In normal areas:*
The minimum anticipated revenue will be $33^{1/3}$% of cost.

(b) *In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible areas:*
The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

(B) *Departmental sub post offices (Plan)*

Since November, 1987 Departmental sub post offices are also sanctioned under the Plan Scheme subject to the following conditions:

(i) The scheme covers departmental sub offices to be set up in project areas, new industrial estates/townships/satellite colonies developed in the periphery of cities/urban agglomerations and other similar developments which have come up in new areas in pursuance of the plan activities of State and Central Government Departments and Agencies. In other words, the concept of Postal Sector Plan to be enlarged to cover the Postal infrastructure required for the overall National Plan.

(ii) The proposed sub-office should have a minimum anticipated work-load of 5 hours per day.

(iii) While departmental sub offices are expected to be financially self-supporting, in rural areas a loss up to Rs. 2400 per annum is allowed (Rs. 4800/- in hilly/ backward/Tribal areas).

Statement-II

Names of places where opening of post offices has been sanctioned in Uttar Pradesh from 1-1-92 to 6-3-92

Sl. No.	Name of place where opening of post office sanctioned	District
1.	Qazi Sarai	Moradabad
2.	Koron Kuiyan.....	Shahjahanpur
3.	Piproli	Shahjahanpur
4.	Guiana Mohd. Hussain	Bareilley
5.	Anjahi	Hardoi
6.	Alamnagar.....	Hardoi
7.	Karimnagar	Hardoi
8.	Jakh	Almora
9.	Nizampur Bighati.....	Kheri
10.	Gaisapur.....	Kheri
11.	Ram Nagar Khurd.....	Kheri
12.	Natena.....	Almora
13.	Ghunsa	Bareilley
14.	Kanthogar	Kanpur (C)
15.	Tilaunsa.....	Banda
16.		Banda
17.	Pauhar.....	Banda
18.	Baragaon.....	Banda
19.		Kanpur (D)
20.	Pakhra Khurd.....	
21.	Suketi.....	Fatehpur
22.	Shadipur.....	Fatehpur
23.		Ghazipur
24.	Bharsar.....	Ghazipur
25.		Varanasi
26.		Pratapgarh
27.	Khajuri.....	Pratapgarh
28.		Pratapgarh
29.	Deoria	Ghazipur
30.	VashuChak.....	Ghazipur
31.	Ameda.....	Ghazipur
32.	Rudauli	Mirzapur
33.	Bansi	Pratapgarh
34.	Ramnagar.....	Pratapgarh
35.	Pure Gosain.....	Pratapgarh
36.	Kukuwar.....	Pratapgarh
37.	Sri Lakshmanesh-war Nath Dham	Pratapgarh

Sl. No.	Name of place where opening of post office sanctioned	District
38.	Harkhpur Kotwa	Pratapgarh
39.	Akrampur Banjaripur	Ghazipur
40.	Shiv Dasha	Varanasi
41.	Karauta Bazar	Varanasi
42.	Dakkhin Patti Ranno	Jaunpur
43.	Saho Patti	Jaunpur
44.	Guraini	Jaunpur
45.	Bawana	Farrukhabad
46.	Selhupur	Kanpur (Dahat)
47.	Paras	Banda
48.	Ahewa	Fatehpur

Installation of Automatic Teller Machines in Banks

1905. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official direction has been issued either from Reserve Bank of India or from any other concerned authority regarding the installation of automatic teller machines in banks in collaboration with the branches of foreign banks working in India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the service charges to be secured from the customers availing the service of such teller machines; and

(d) what are the details of the procedure laid down for granting licence for installation of such teller machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not issued any official direction regarding the installation of automatic teller machines in banks in collaboration with the branches of foreign banks working in India.

(6) to (d) Do net arise.

Funds to Sri Lanka for setting up of Tea Units

1906. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been providing funds to Sri Lanka to set up tea units in that country; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds given or proposed to be given to Sri Lanka to set up tea units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR); (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of India has sanctioned a line of credit to Government of Sri Lanka for purchase of capital goods etc. So far no funds has been provided to set up tea units.

Fraud in United Bank of India, Kamla Nagar Branch

1907. SHRI N. E. BALARAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on or around 10th January, 1992 M/s. Vikings of Bombay opened an account with the Kamla Nagar (New Delhi) Branch of the United Bank of India and presented a cheque for Rs. 6.37 lakhs drawn on the State Bank of India's Main Branch, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the officials of the Bank had as per rules completed all the formalities for opening such an account;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Bank authorities have learnt that through the account a big fraud has been committed and cheating has taken place; and

(e) if so, whether bank authorities have made any enquiry and taken action against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) United Bank of India have reported that a current deposit account was opened on 16th January, 1992 with its Kamla Nagar Branch by M/s. Vikings Bombay and a cheque for Rs. 6.37 lakhs drawn on State Bank of India by Doordarshan, Delhi was deposited in the account. The account has been opened by the bank on getting satisfactory introduction of the person opening the account and as per the procedures stipulated in the rules of the bank. The bank received a notice on 23.1.1992 from an advocate requesting the bank not to release any further